

# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 158

By Burks

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Frances Monroe Bass Carson upon her selection as the Fair Park Senior Center Women's History Month honoree.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Frances Monroe Bass Carson is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, she was recently selected as the Fair Park Senior Center Women's History Month honoree; and

WHEREAS, prior to receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree from Peabody College of Vanderbilt University, Mrs. Carson had attended Hillsboro High School and the University of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, her exemplary employment history is extensive and varied, including working as a teacher for Robertsville Junior High School in Oak Ridge, a public relations secretary at the original First National Bank, a founding partner of The Plateau Group, a Director of the Cumberland County Extended School Program, and a coordinator for both the City of Crossville Centennial Celebration and Leadership Cumberland; she has also worked as a membership coordinator of the Crossville-Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce, a coordinator of Cumberland County Sesquicentennial, and as a consultant; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Carson has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; she co-founded Kids, Inc., for which she served as President of the Board, and she wrote the original grant for the Stephens

Center, a center for the prevention of child abuse, for which she served as a member of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, she has served as a President of the Chamber of Commerce, a member of both the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth and the Cumberland County Board of Education, and Chair of the First United Methodist Church Council; she also presided over the Crossville Arts Council and coordinated Depot Days, a Main Street festival; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Carson also worked as a campaign manager for State Representative Shirley Duer; and

WHEREAS, Frances Carson's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Frances Carson is fortunate to share both love and companionship with her husband, Lynn Carson; and their two children, Mitch Carson, married to Becky, and Mike Carson, married to Berta; and

WHEREAS, she is the proud grandmother of Michaela, Charlie, Bobbie Lynn, and Davis Carson; and

WHEREAS, Frances Carson is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Frances Monroe Bass Carson upon her recent selection as the Fair Park Senior Center Women's History Month honoree, salute her outstanding contributions to the State of Tennessee and its citizens, and wish her much happiness in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.